(b) if so, whether it is a fact that there are only two stair-case landing for this island platform;

(c) whether it is also a fact that when local trains terminate, the stair-case get congested and hamper the movement of commuters; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to provide more landing and stair-cases for this island platform No. 1 and 2 at Dadar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 20 pairs of slow local trains originate/terminate on platform No. 2.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As no space is available for provision of any additional landings on Platform Nos. 1 and 2, no proposal for augmenting these facilities at these platforms is under consideration at present.

Opening of Computerised Booking Windows in Bombay

3031. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand for opening of Computerised Booking Windows for long distance trains in different parts of Bombay and around Bombay;

(b) the names of the places in Bombay region that have the facility of Computerised Booking Windows;

(c) the names of the places where the new Booking counters are proposed to be opened in the near future; and

(d) what are the criteria to be followed in selection of these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Names of places in Bombay Region that have the facility of Computerised Booking Windows are Bombay V.T., Bombay Central, Churchgate, Thane, Kalyan and Borivli.

(c) Kurla Terminus.

(d) Reservation workload, population density, distance from the nearest computerised reservation centre and the cost.

News item captioned "Railways utilising air space over stations"

3032. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in the 'Financial Express' dated 13th July, 1992 under the caption "Railway utilising air space over stations";

(b) whether this policy is likely to be implemented in all the zones of the Railways;

(c) what are the proposal under consideration in the South Central Railways; and

(d) what steps Government propose to ensure maximum utilisation of air space over stations in the South Central Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Commercial exploitation of space over stations on Mankhurd-Belapur railway line has been taken up by City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) of the Government of Maharashtra, who is the owner of the land. There is no policy or proposal for such commercial exploitation of space over stations by Railways under consideration. However, there is a proposal for exploring the feasibility of commercial exploitation of space over railway land, which is still in a conceptual stage.